

# CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Charles H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

## What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhoea and Wind Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. It assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

**GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS**  
Bears the Signature of

*Charles H. Fletcher*  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
In Use For Over 30 Years.

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, 71 MURRAY STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

On Checking  
Accounts  
Pays  
**2%**

On Saving  
Accounts  
Pays  
**4%**

**THE COLONIAL TRUST COMPANY**

317 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

By our System of Banking by Mail

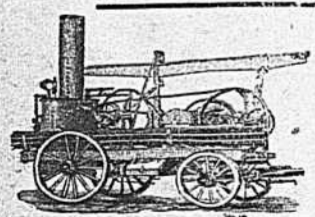
that is, making deposits and withdrawals, is just as easy and far more time saving than banking in person. A little booklet telling why, awaits your request. Our capital and resources speak for themselves. Our advice, embodying the successful business experience of years, is at your command.

**Assets over \$21,000,000**

### NOT COVERED.

The fire insurance policy on a building does not cover loss on "awnings," "sidewalks," "signs," "store or office furniture or fixtures," and if the insured wants pay for loss on these items, he must say so when the policy is written, or forever after hold his peace.

FRANK E. NICHOLS,  
315 Main Street.



### HAWKINS BROTHERS,

FAIRMONT, W. Va.  
Dealers in Pumps and Pump Pipe.  
Drillers of Artesian and Ordinary  
Water Wells.  
Test Wells for Miners and Air  
Holes for Shafts.  
Consolidated Phone 182.

Samuel B. Holbert.

Edward F. Holbert.

"Fire insurance is the best policy."

We represent TWENTY of the strongest and most liberal fire insurance companies in the world, and have unequalled facilities for placing large or small lines at the lowest possible rates. It will pay you to consult us before placing your insurance.

## HOLBERT BROTHERS,

General Insurance,

Skinner Block,

Fairmont, W. V.

## DR. LYON'S French Periodical Drops

Strictly vegetable, perfectly harmless, sure to accomplish DESIRED RESULTS. Greatest known female remedy. Price, \$1.50 per bottle.

**CAUTION** Beware of counterfeits and imitations. The genuine is put up only in paste-board cartons with fac-simile signature on side of the bottle. Thus: *WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS*. Sole Agents, Cleveland, Ohio. Send for Circular to WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS CO., Sole Agents, Cleveland, Ohio. Sold by M. D. Christie.

## ANIMALS THAT SWIM

THE BLACK BEAR IS THE CHAMPION AMONG LAND BEASTS.

Mice Can Only Go a Few Yards in the Water, but Rats Are Powerful Swimmers—Birds Drown More Rapidly Than Most Other Animals That Can Swim.

Everybody knows how much dogs differ in their ability as swimmers, retrievers and water spaniels being the water dogs par excellence. A Russian retriever which I once owned was remarkable as a water dog, preferring the sea to fresh water for his bath. He often swam so far out that I lost sight of him, and could not find him even through a glass. He must have gone at least two or three miles straight out to sea, and several times I gave him up for lost. He always, however, came straight back to the spot whence he started.

The liking of this dog for tallow was so great that he would eat all the candle he could find in the house, searching the bedrooms for them. He often took them when lighted from the tables, and he was so sure that no body dare interfere with him unless his master was at hand.

There is the same difference regarding the liking for the water among wild animals of the dog kind as there is among the domestic animals. Wolves, though they can swim tolerably well, never care to enter the water except to escape pursuit. They will not enter it after their prey, as dogs do, but will gladly round a lake or pond to meet the escaping victim. If the quarry crosses a river the wolves at once give up the chase.

Some heavy animals which can swim after a fashion will drown as they float. Their fur is completely saturated. This is the case with rabbits and many of the mouse tribe. The common mouse and the field mouse can only swim a few yards. They drown in the act of swimming.

The same is also true of the rabbit and most, perhaps all, small cats, though lions and tigers swim well and often cross large rivers, as do the large cats of America—that is, the puma and the jaguar. The latter deserves the name of the water cat, for it habitually haunts large rivers and lakes and, contrary to the habits of all other cats, seems to love the water. None of the American small cats ever voluntarily enters the water, but they fish from the banks of streams and from partly submerged roots, etc., claving the fish out as they swim past.

Though the rabbit cannot swim and avoids damp situations, the hare, as is generally known, swims well, and so, indeed, do the majority of mammals. All deer are expert and most graceful swimmers, and in this they are equaled by the horse, which can swim for miles without becoming exhausted. Horses have been known to cross the Niagara river from the American to the Canadian side for the purpose of returning to their old stables.

It may be useful to give a few hints on crossing over with horses. A mounted man should slip off behind and, holding lightly by the animal's tail, permit himself to be towed across. This method puts the least strain on the horse and is the safest for the man. The horse also should be permitted to take its own way. It is remarkable with what strange instinct (or is it reason?) it will choose the best landing place on the opposite bank, avoiding dangerous currents and quicksands. At any rate, this is my experience with American horses.

With the exception of aquatic animals the bear is probably the strongest and best swimmer among mammals. I have known the American black bear to swim across small lakes and arms of the larger bodies of water a distance of at least twenty miles without a break, and, though many bears have no doubt reached the island of Anticosti, in the gulf of St. Lawrence, on ice floes, I am sure others have swum thither from the mainland, travelling probably in some instances thirty miles through the water. No black bear will go a yard out of its way to avoid water, but passes straight through any river or lake that lies in its way. The grizzly bear is mostly an inhabitant of dry, rocky tracts, but even grizzlies often take to the water, for no perceptible cause except love of it.

Though the mouse cannot swim farther than a few yards, the rat is a powerful swimmer, and the river that will bar its course must not only be broad, but of strong current also. Lemmings and other small rodents are also good swimmers, but there are some small mammals that have as great a dread of water as they have of fire; among them the American squirrel. This little animal, like the mouse, can swim only a very few yards when it drowns, the carcass remaining afloat long after death. Probably they would live a considerable time if they remained motionless and simply floated, but it is a remarkable fact that all animals, except man and monkeys, strike out and naturally go through the motions of swimming.

Monkeys cannot swim and have a great dread of the water. If they drop accidentally into a river, which they sometimes do when squabbling among themselves, or when they are pursued by an enemy, they seldom succeed in struggling out, but are speedily drowned.

One would expect that the light bodies of birds, with their bones full of air cells, would be admirably adapted to keep them afloat. Such is not the case, however.

Birds drown more rapidly than most other animals that can swim at all. When they fall into the water most species are submerged with the exception of the head and a very small part

of the neck. They at once strike out with their legs, but never use their wings, swimming in an aimless fashion or often involuntarily making a great circuit. They die in a few minutes, which is the more remarkable as the head seems to be kept above water to the last, and I am inclined to think that they die rather from the shock than from actual drowning.

With regard to natorial birds, these swim and dive well, even after being severely wounded; but there are many waterfowl which do not dive, which either rise from the water with great difficulty or cannot rise at all, if the whole of their feathers are wetted.

As I find that the young of animals which are good swimmers (as the dog, jaguar and even the otter) have no notion of swimming until they attain a certain age and have had some experience, my own opinion is that their powers are not merely instinctive, and I am disposed to place them on the same footing as human beings.

Human beings have greater swimming powers than most of the lower animals, but few individuals develop those powers. Indeed, it is more than probable that not one man in fifty can swim at all simply because he has never learned to, or lacks the nerve to act aright when he unexpectedly finds himself in the water. Recently a man, in endeavoring to swim across the English channel, is said to have swum a distance of thirty miles.

The only land animal I have seen swim a distance nearly as great as this was an American black bear; but American deer sometimes swim a distance of twelve or fourteen miles at a stretch. The Russian retriever alluded to above once followed a canoe for nine miles, but he was much exhausted at the end of that distance. A friend who is fond of courting says that hares are found on islets on the Essex coast which are a mile from shore, and I have known rats in America swim across rivers which were a mile and a quarter to two miles wide; but, unfortunately, I have only such trivial records of the distances animals can swim. A systematic table of their powers in this respect would be of great value to the naturalist.—Paul Fountain in Longman's Magazine.

### STAMINA AND GRIT.

They Are Necessary Qualities in the Man Who Would Succeed.

No man can rise to anything very great who allows himself to be tripped or thwarted by impediments. His achievement will be in proportion to his ability to rise triumphantly over the stumbling blocks which trip others.

When I hear a young man whining that he has no chance, complaining that fate has doomed him to mediocrity, that he can never get a start for himself, but must always work for somebody else; when I see him finding unconquerable obstacles everywhere, when he tells me that he could do this or that if he could only get a start, if somebody would help him, I know there is very poor success material in him; that he is not made of the stuff that rises. He acknowledges that he is not equal to the emergencies which confront him. He confesses his weakness, his inability to cope with obstacles which others surmount. When a man tells us that luck is against him, that he cannot see any way of doing what he would like to do, he admits that he is not master of the situation, that he must give way to opposition because he is not big enough or strong enough to surmount it. He probably hasn't time enough in his backbone to hold a straw erect.

There is a weakness in the man who always sees a lion in the way of what he wants to do, whose determination is not strong enough to overcome the obstacle. He has not the inclination to buckle down to solid, hard work. He wants success, but he does not want it badly enough to pay the price. The desire to drift along, to take things easy, to have a good time, overbalances ambition.

Obstacles will look large or small to you according to whether you are large or small.

People who have a tendency to magnify difficulties lack the stamina and grit necessary to win. They are not willing to sacrifice a little comfort and pleasure. They see so much hardship in working their own way through college or starting in business without capital that they do neither. These people always look for somebody to help them, to give them a boost.—Orison Swett Marden in Success.

### Bible Studded With Emeralds.

The icons in the Cathedral of the Assumption in the Kremlin at Moscow are immensely valuable. They yielded about five tons of silver and five hundredweight of gold to the French soldiery in 1812, but this treasure was recovered by the Cossacks, who in their gratitude presented to the cathedral a silver chandelier weighing 900 pounds. The jewels with which the iconostas is adorned are valued at \$45,000, a single emerald alone being worth \$10,000. This is a Bible so large that two men are needed to lift it, and it is studded with gold and emeralds and other stones. A sober estimate of the weight of gold used in the iconostas and vessels of this famous church alone places it at 106 hundredweight.

### Education.

There can be no such thing as over-education, but there is much education that is misapplied. Some one has said that it is a waste of time and money to try to "give a \$100 boy a \$1,000 education." The education that renders a boy useless for his natural work is worse than wasted, but no one should be denied the education and training, however advanced or costly, which his talents deserve and which will fit him for the work that nature designed him to do.—Maxwell's Talks.

I have some fine lots in Morrow Place yet. H. H. Lanham.

## THE WILLY MOSQUITO

The Chicago Solomon Tells of His Tricky Manners.

My son, there cometh upon the zephyr of the evening a zooming zip that bodeth ill for humanity.

For it telleth that the mosquito hath girded on its armor and is roaming about seeking whom it may devour.

Consider now the mosquito, for ere long he shall not give thee time to consider him:

Behold, the mosquito is a cross between an airship and a torpedo boat. Every man's hand is against him, yet no man's hand getteth against him.

He blith with equal joy in the hotel that robbeth thee of \$10 a day and in the haystack where the weary wayfarer wooeth Morpheus.

He catcheth the shew of the vegetarian and he goeth upon a spree upon the neck of the Kentuckian. And it is all one to him.

Yea, and as he swoopeth hither and yon, he singeth a merry lay, like unto this:

I come from many a field and swamp,  
I rise from off the billow;  
I seek the palaces filled with pomp,  
As well as the humble pillow.

No matter who and no matter what  
You are, when you seek slumber  
I glide away from your angry swat  
And warble my merry number.

I bite the nose of the rich and poor,  
I chew the high and lowly,  
The maid refined, or the clumsy boor,  
And babies all rely on me.

My song is shrill and again is hoarse,  
As though from influenza;  
I mark my swift and erratic course  
With many a glad cadenza.

I like to hie to a shady spot,  
Where swains are fondly wooing,  
And while he turns to poetic thought,  
I fiercely begin my chewing.

Above the maiden serene I crouch,  
While he his vow is sighing,  
And ere he's through she will murmur  
"Ouch!"

And swiftly they both are flying.

Through me full many a loving pair  
Have cruelly been parted,  
And men and maiden most every-  
where

I've bit till they're brokenhearted.

My trail I trace to the farthest land,  
In hovel and proud pagoda;  
I've stung my victims on neck and  
hand,

And furthered the sale of soda.

I draw no line of distinction fine,  
But black, or white or yellow,  
Or any old race is a prey of mine,  
And I can evoke their bellow.

So thus I go through the evening dim  
Until, with my hide distended  
With gore, I am slow—and a hand—  
kabim.

Gets me, and my life is ended!

My son, there be two things which the mind of man hath not yet mastered.

And one is how to make hair grow upon the north side of the head that hath become bald.

Until it maketh a billiard ball look unto a hair cushion by comparison. And the other is how to kill the mosquito without swatting him.

Yea, the sudden swat, if it swateth the mosquito, will short-circuit him. But what availeth it when there be fifty million mosquitoes to one swat, and the ratio is ever increasing?

The bald-headed man, he hath scorn and contumely all his days until he seeketh the hereafter where his hair is gone.

His neighbors say crafty things anent his being married.

It helpeth him not to claim that his forehead runneth from eyebrows to back collar button.

And it doeth him no good to claim that absence of hair showeth presence of mind.

So his days are filled with jibings and he groweth a-weary of the jeerings.

And in the evening he goeth unto his home and sitteth out upon the porch, where the breezes may glance across his cupola.

And behold! there is a mosquito five miles away, yet it seeth his bald head gleam in the moonlight.

And it ariseth and scooteth unto him and feasteth merrily upon his head.

When he slappeth his ear it is gone, and in a moment it singeth "ya-a-ya-a" in his other ear.

It ploweth a furrow where he used to part his hair, and it stingeth his bump of profanity so that it maketh his language exceedingly fierce.

And his wife asketh him what is the matter.

"Verily," he saith, slapping his head all the time, "there is a mosquito here with an appetite like unto mine."

"Mercy!"

Thou art seeking the sleep of the just when suddenly there cometh out of the darkness a low "zoo-co-oom!"

Which is the mosquito's hunting song.

Yea, it is the fee-flo-fum of the hungry skeeter, and it striketh terror to thy soul.

Foolish person, thou wilt cover thy head with the spread and think to deceive the mosquito.

And is it deception? Not a decept. And in a moment thou peerest from beneath the covers, and he cometh upon thy nose and lifeth thee four times ere thou canst jerk thy head under the cover again.

At last thou wilt get up and make a light and take thy slipper and seek to kill him.

And thou wilt smite the wall and the ceiling and break two or three pictures and fall over a chair until at the last thou hearest his sound no more.

And just as thou art dozing off, trying to imagine how it would feel if thou hadst a million dollars.

Swow! Zipp! Sping-ee!

He hath swooped down from where he had hidden and from where he hath been laughing at thee.

And hath given the summer-resort degree.

So that the next morning thou wilt have a Tennessee nose and a South American temper.

My son, believe not in the articles that are written about how to avoid the mosquito.

For they are written in the winter time.

And, though thou paintest thyself with pennyroyal and other drugs until thou needest but a side door and a leaky washstand to be the back room of a drug store.

Still will the mosquito come to thee for his table d'hôte.

Is it not so, even as we have pounded it upon this typewriter with the malarial clatter.—W. B. Nesbitt, in Chicago Tribune.

## THE MODERN MAUD

Maud Muller on a summer's day.  
Calmly fanned the flies away.

In a hammock in the shade,  
Idly dreamed the saucy maid.

Upon a fairy cloud above,  
She dreamed she saw herself and love.

Wafted away to Elysian shores,  
From household duties and mother's chores;

No unraked hay, no milk to churn,  
But oceans of leisure and money to burn.

Her beau came scorching down the lane,  
In his brand new auto her smile to gain;

On he came at a merry pace,  
And caught his sweetheart in fond embrace;

She feigned to scold the young man bold,  
But the old, old story has oft been told;

We'll leave them to their tale of love,  
Their gush of "dearies" and "turtle dove."

Old Sol hung low in the golden west,  
Bre this young gallant rode 'way from his best;

Yes, the sky was robed in costume gaudy,  
When a vexed mother's voice called loudly—M-a-u-d-i-e!

—Chicago News.

### PILES! PILES! PILES!

Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment will cure Blind, Bleeding, Ulcerated and Itching Piles. It absorbs the tumors, allays the itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment is prepared only for Piles and Itching the private parts, and nothing else. Every box is guaranteed. druggists, sent by mail, \$1.00 per box. WILLIAMS' PILE OINTMENT CO., Prop'r's, Cleveland, Ohio.

Webster Sp...  
Call on...  
pany, J...  
185...